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EIGHTEENTH
Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE
CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

INCLUDING
REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS
OF SAID CITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
AUGUST 31, 1921

Lincoln, Nebraska, March 1, 1922.

To the Honorable City Council,
City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Auditor, together with a report of the activities of each department for the past year.

The Auditor's report, showing the financial transactions of the city, is for the period from September 1, 1920 to August 31, 1921, and covers the fiscal year, as nearly as possible, while the reports of the departments in some cases cover the fiscal year and in others, the calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,
City Clerk and Auditor.

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

January 1, 1922

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, now is and since May 13, 1913, has been operating under the Commission Form of government. Under this form of government, the city is divided into five departments, and five councilmen are elected. The five councilmen constitute the city council. The council organizes by electing one of its members as president of the council, who is also Mayor of the city. Each councilman is assigned to one of the departments, is called a superintendent thereof, and is responsible for its proper operation.

All other city officials, except Police Judge, are appointed by the council. The office of Police Judge is one that has been fixed by the constitution of the state, and this officer is elected at county and state elections. The constitution has been amended in this respect and when the proper law has been passed by the legislature, the Police Judge of a city will no doubt be elected at city elections.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The terms of office of councilmen are two years, beginning the first Monday following the election.

The departments of the City of Lincoln are assigned as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FRANK C. ZEHRUNG, Mayor.....Superintendent

City Attorney's Office

C. PETRUS PETERSON, Attorney
CHARLES R. WILKE, Deputy

Police Department

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief of Police

Park Department

P. EDINBOROUGH, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

GEORGE DAYTON.....Superintendent

City Treasurer's Office

GEORGE DAYTON, Ex-officio, Treasurer
A. W. EASTERDAY, Deputy

City Clerk and Auditor's Office

THEO. H. BERG, Clerk and Auditor
EARL M. POOR, Deputy

Tax Commissioner's Office

P. H. MATHEWS, Tax Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

CHARLES W. BRYAN.....Superintendent

Street Department

W. T. OVERTON, Assistant Superintendent

Engineer's Office

GEORGE W. BATES, Engineer
H. C. SCHLUETER, Deputy
F. E. MELKER, Sewer and Plumbing Inspector
F. J. PECK, Building and Sidewalk Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

JOHN WRIGHT.....Superintendent

Fire Department

OLOF OLSON, Chief
J. J. RYAN, Assistant Chief

Health Department

DR. CHAUNCEY F. CHAPMAN, Superintendent
DR. W. H. SLATTERY, Assistant

City Scales

L. C. McBRIDE, Weighmaster

Electric Inspection

S. H. SHIPMAN, Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

WILLIAM SCHROEDER.....Superintendent

Water and Light Department

HARRY E. FARMER, Assistant Superintendent

A. G. JOHNSON, Engineer

Police Judge

HOWARD J. WHITMORE

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY

(Members appointed by Council)

Officers

Lawrence Fossler.....President

H. T. Dobbins.....Vice-President

Lulu Horne.....Librarian and Secretary to the Board

Members of Board

Term Expiring July 1, 1922

John J. Ledwith

Catherine Green

H. J. Lehnhoff

Term Expiring July 1, 1923

Mariel Gere

Mrs. F. H. Woods

H. B. Lowrey

Term Expiring July 1, 1924

H. T. Dobbins

W. B. Ryons

Lawrence Fossler

BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

(Members appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman

A. G. Johnson, Secretary

John Green, Treasurer

The Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 P. M. at the City Hall to examine applicants as to their qualifications to operate stationary steam engines and boilers within the city of Lincoln.

ZONING COMMISSION

(Members appointed by Council)

J. E. Miller, Chairman

G. J. Culbertson

John L. Teeters

O. J. Fee

Morris I. Evinger

HOSPITAL BOARD

(Members appointed by Council)

- 6 Years—John L. Teeters, Miss Ida L. Robbins, W. E. Barkley.
4 Years—Mrs. Louise Scouller Westermann, Mrs. Pauline F. Wessel,
H. B. Grainger.
2 Years—W. R. Mellor, Mrs. Emily J. Moore, Mrs. Myrtle Ferguson.

FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

City originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.
Incorporated as a city of the Second Class on March 18, 1871.
Incorporated as a city of the First Class on March 25, 1887.
Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.
Area: 7,944.3 acres (12.41 square miles).
Paved streets and alleys: 100.64 miles.
Parks: 357 acres.
Sanitary sewers: 119.05 miles.
Storm sewers: 23.7 miles.
Water mains: 111.7 miles.
Street railways: 38 miles.
Public School buildings: 20.
Churches and denominational schools: 60.
Floating debt: None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief

Officers in Service

Chief of Police.....	1
Captains	2
Patrolmen	8
Patrol drivers	2
Matrons	2
Motorcycle officers	2
Plainclothesmen	2
Stenographer	1
Total.....	<hr/> 20

Number of Arrests Made During Year by Months

September, 1920	267	
October	233	
November	136	
December	157	
January, 1921	124	
February	136	
March	233	
April	198	
May	229	
June	166	
July	176	
August	152	
	<hr/>	2,207
Males	2,014	
Females	193	
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Number of white people.....	1,993	
Number of colored people.....	214	
	<hr/>	2,207
Males—can read and write.....	1,989	
Males—cannot read and write.....	25	
	<hr/>	2,014
Females—can read and write.....	189	
Females—cannot read and write.....	4	
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Social conditions:

Married males	490
Single males	1,112
Not given	412
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	2,014
Married females	76
Single females	85
Not given	32
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Meals Furnished

September, 1920	854
October	556
November	352
December	725
January, 1921	711
February	445
March	810
April	550
May	753
June	650
July	501
August	313
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Total.....	7,220

Property

Estimated value of automobiles lost and stolen.....	\$142,110.00
Estimated value of automobiles recovered	129,485.00
Estimated value of other property lost and stolen.....	20,144.63
Estimated value of other property recovered.....	3,117.00

Disposition of Prisoners

Total number of persons arraigned.....	2,207
Sent to County Jail.....	52
Held for District Court.....	69
Number of persons fined.....	950
Discharged or sentence suspended.....	781
Turned over to other authorities.....	263
Cases not disposed of.....	92
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Total.....	2,207

Causes of Arrest

Adultery	2
Assault	19
Bastardy	1
Begging	15
Bigamy	1
Breaking and entering.....	15
Breaking probation	4
Breaking glass in street.....	1
Business without license.....	2
Carrying concealed weapons.....	10
Chicken stealing	1
Conspiracy	2
Defrauding innkeeper	6
Demented	3
Desertion	3
Dipsomania	4
Disorderly conduct	134
Disturbing peace	60
Dope traffickers	4
Drunkenness	317
Embezzlement	2
False pretense	4
Forgery	23
Gambling	51
Health ordinance violations.....	4
Held for investigation.....	239
Held for Health Department.....	14
Held for safe keeping.....	10
Indecent exposure	5
Keeping disorderly house.....	3
Larceny, grand	56
Larceny, petit	39
Liquor law violations.....	82
No fund check.....	13
Non-support	2
Obstructing sidewalk	3
Parole violation	5
Peace bond	1
Selling mortgaged property.....	4
Robbery	4
Running away from home.....	12
Safe keeping, held for.....	7
Sidewalk ordinance violation.....	16
Soliciting	6
Speeding	413

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Sunday closing law violation.....	4
Suspicious persons	44
Traffic ordinance violations.....	270
Transferring stolen property.....	2
Vagrancy	182
Venereal disease	3
Weights and measures ordinance violation.....	2
White slavery	7
Wife and child desertion.....	1
Miscellaneous	70
Total.....	2,207

WATER DEPARTMENT**Municipal Ownership and Operation**

Many of the abnormal and unusual conditions that prevailed during the previous fiscal year, conditions that arose out of the late world war, and had a bearing upon the operation and maintenance of The Municipal Water Department also existed during most of the fiscal year from September 1, 1920 to September 1, 1921. In some cases these post-war conditions existed in a milder form than during the fiscal year of 1919 to 1920 while in some instances they were even more aggravated than they had been heretofore. While materials were more abundant and deliveries, as a rule, were better than for a number of years past, the cost of many articles either continued to remain about as they were at the close of the conflict or soared higher than heretofore. Wages continued high throughout the year and the prices of coal, fuel and lubricating oils (all of which are important items in the operation of a water and light plant) remained high until late in the fiscal year, all of which had a tendency to retard new construction work but did not entirely preclude it here for the Water Department purchased about \$8,000.00 worth of new cast iron pipe and fittings used in constructing new water mains; final payment of more than \$6,000.00 was made upon the two million gallon reservoir and cooling pond and cut-off walls in reservoirs costing \$3,352.00 were completed and paid for. A new cover costing \$2,210.00 was built for the F street well and some minor improvements were made.

The citizens of Lincoln voted bonds in the sum of \$200,000.00 to be expended for improvements and extensions to the Municipal Water Plant—this occurred in the Autumn of 1919. The following Spring they also approved a bond issue of \$300,000.00 to be used for

POLICE**Receipts**

Balance Sept. 1, 1920.....	\$	8,245.33	
Tax collections	\$	49,294.30	
Court costs		3,577.86	
Dog tax and tags		578.50	
Miscellaneous		221.52	
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Total receipts	\$	53,672.18	53,672.18
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Total credits	\$	61,917.51	\$ 61,917.51

Disbursements

Maintenance	\$	4,495.79	
Salary		38,927.51	
Feed		832.24	
Oil and gas.....		1,130.59	
Auto expense		2,774.62	
Telephone		2,000.71	
Signal system		56.07	
Purchase Dodge Patrol.....		1,300.00	
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Total warrants issued.....	\$	51,517.53	\$ 51,517.53
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1920			2,645.96
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	\$	54,163.49	
Warrants paid		50,835.84	
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Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1921	\$	3,327.65	
Total cash charges.....			\$ 50,835.84
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Cash balance Sept. 1, 1921			\$ 11,081.67
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1921			3,327.65
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Fund balance Sept. 1, 1921			\$ 7,754.02

TABLE NO. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT—September 1, 1920, to September 1, 1921

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1920	Tax Collec- tions	Other Incomes	Credit Transfers	Total Credits	Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfer	Warrants Issued	Total Charges	Over Drafts	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1921
Back tax.....	\$ 51.19	\$ 17,669.91			\$ 51.19		\$ 51.19	\$ 17,981.89	17,981.89		\$ 1,880.88
City property.....	2,192.86	77,989.49	\$ 17,900.40		19,862.77			104,288.37	104,288.37	\$1,108.86	5,868.21
Parks.....	7,289.62	115,683.80	245.24		103,179.51			128,125.94	128,125.94		23,513.55
Fire.....	18,065.11	15,070.31	28,933.14	\$ 2,486.03	133,994.15			39,587.31	61,995.72		24,916.77
General.....	39,019.79	36,063.14		4,972.50	85,509.27			26,156.20	27,418.28		20,176.86
Interest and coupon.....	11,299.41	42,556.97	3.00		52,335.05	\$ 27,418.28		111,005.76	111,005.76		44,824.40
Judgment.....	3,773.09	73,871.36	68,860.95		46,333.06			23,502.12	23,502.12		6,074.82
Light.....	13,097.85	23,038.57	4,370.25		155,830.16			15,953.22	15,953.22		3,871.66
Library.....	6,312.71	12,850.38	2,749.46		29,576.94	23,502.12		51,517.53	51,517.53		7,754.02
Library book.....	199.43	49,294.30	4,377.88		4,569.68	3,941.88		58,368.90	58,368.90		31,188.73
Paving repair.....	4,225.04	46,843.42	38,450.73	2,100.00	19,824.88	98.00		9,335.28	9,335.28		4,216.53
Police.....	5,599.37	7,750.15	1,687.07		59,271.55			35,520.83	35,520.83		9,575.58
Road.....	2,261.48	85,690.34	1.00		13,551.81			90,500.00	90,500.00		4,422.56
Sewer.....	5,007.32	104.05			45,096.41			224.57	224.57		951.35
Sewer extension.....	43,409.34				94,922.56	90,500.00		185,278.88	198,751.38		94,214.67
Sinking.....	9,232.22				1,175.92	224.57	4,972.50	730.16	730.16		661.43
Sidewalk certificate.....	1,070.87				292,966.05	8,500.00		2,600.61	2,600.61		203.42
Water.....	81,147.15		211,818.90		661.43						11,954.34
Rebate fund.....	661.43				933.58						1,350.88
Engineer's office expense.....	221.18	712.40			14,554.95						2,267.22
Paving adjacent to city property.....	13,556.27	998.68			1,350.88						
Sewer district sinking.....	1,300.17	36.01	12.24	2.46	2,267.22						
Hospital.....	2,267.22				5,000.01						
Golf.....	1,117.91		3,882.10		90,831.98						
Salary.....		70,526.98	5.00	20,300.00							
Totals.....	\$272,378.03	\$676,750.26	\$384,317.36	\$29,860.99	\$1,363,306.64	\$154,184.85	\$ 27,432.10	\$875,978.54	\$1,057,595.49	\$1,189.89	\$306,901.04